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### FORMER INVESTOR CHARGED IN FRAUD SCHEME

PHILADELPHIA - A two-count information<sup>1</sup> was filed today against Roman R. Fitzmartin, the former operator of the Doylestown Investment Group, charging Fitzmartin with mail fraud, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy. The information alleges that Fitzmartin diverted the proceeds of real estate sales that were supposed to be paid to investors and, instead, used them for his own personal and business expenses. Additionally, the information alleges that Fitzmartin sold interests in real estate that he did not own. As a result of his fraudulent scheme, Fitzmartin's victims lost a total of \$872,719.26

Specifically, the information alleges that Fitzmartin sold what he claimed was a 56-percent equity interest in a commercial property at 76 E. Main Street in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, even though Fitzmartin did not own such interests. He obtained more than \$355,000 from this fraud. Also, when he sold the property, Fitzmartin diverted to his own accounts nearly \$50,000 in proceeds that were supposed to be paid to investors. Likewise, Fitzmartin purported to sell interests in land in Douglasville, Pennsylvania, for \$300,000 even though Fitzmartin did not own any such land. Finally, Fitzmartin sold a property he owned at 6 E. Court Street in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and converted to his own use \$168,763.98 in proceeds that was supposed to go to investors.

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Roman R. Fitzmartin	Doylestown, PA	36 years old

If convicted, Fitzmartin faces a maximum sentence of up to 40 years imprisonment, three years supervised, \$1.7 million in restitution and forfeiture, and a \$500,000 fine.

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<sup>1</sup>An information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Zack.

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